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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Kindly amend this application as follows prior to calculation of the filing fee and consideration on the merits.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-5.

Kindly replace claims 9, 10 and 17 by the following claims.

9. (amended) A process for the preparation of a subcooled melt according to claim 7, which comprises rapidly cooling the melt to a temperature from the regular melting point to the glass transition temperature of the homogeneous phase.

10 (amended). A process for the preparation of the amorphous solid according to claim 7, which comprises chilling the melt or subcooled melt according to claim 7 to a temperature below its glass transition temperature.